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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 25, 2002

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C., 20231

Sir:

This is a reply to an Office Action mailed September 25, 2002, with a shortened statutory response period of one (1) month from the mailing date. Applicants have filed concurrently within herewith a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time bringing the time to respond to this Action to November 25, 2002. Accordingly, the Reply is timely filed. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for this Petition. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account number 02-1818.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please replace pending claim 12 with the following corresponding replacement claim (see attached sheet for marked up claim):

12. (amended). The method of claim 11 wherein the solvent and surfactant removal step is accomplished by a method selected from the group of centrifugation, diafiltration, force-field fractionation, and high-pressure filtration.